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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 12/29/76

FULL NAME RICHARD STANLEY HALVORSEN
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 6318 KUEBEL DR AND 5922 PAINTERS

CITY NEW ORLEANS STATE LOUISIANA ZIP CODE 70122

DATE OF BIRTH _____ (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 51 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION PRESBYTERIAN NATIONALITY _____

OCCUPATION SOUND ENGINEER - PHOTOGRAPHER

EDUCATION UNKNOWN

WEIGHT 210 COLOR WHITE HEIGHT 6'

COLOR OF HAIR BLACK COLOR OF EYES BROWN

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS GLASSES - POCK MARKED FACE

MARRIED OR SINGLE SINGLE (DIVORCED) CHILDREN 1 BOY, 19, ROBERT
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T137	NEW ORLEANS	LA	SIM-MC	12/74	8/76

SPECIAL RECOGNITION _____

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

- ☐ CONVICTION OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT ☒ SUBSTANTIATED REPORTS
☒ OFFICIAL CHARGES OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT (REVIEW) ☐ UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND INDIVIDUAL FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE AND LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

New Orleans Police brought picture showing Halvorsen was sent around
community with youth. Police made a raid on Halvorsen
home and confiscated pictures of men and boys. Halvorsen was
arrested. Police took pictures of boys and men and sent them to people
in many states and some were reporting pictures of boys in bad nature and
other things of people that would
Signed [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council _____

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Mr. Glover:

I've just read on the front page of The Daily Record of June 1, 1977 your editorial comment "Scout Sex Scandal: A Nightmare". Based on my experience as President of the New Orleans Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, last year, I believe your article is completely factual. We greatly appreciate your effort at putting this regrettable incident in proper perspective.

It has been a most frustrating time for the great number of people involved with scouting in our area, as we've had to watch the other media groups here in New Orleans malign this

tremendously worthwhile character-building youth movement by the way in which they've handled the reporting of this matter. It seems to me they had to be able to see what they were doing to scouting, and, believe me, it's beyond my comprehension as to why they wanted to do it.

Thanks very much for having the intestinal fortitude to point out to the news media of our community the miscarriage of justice which they have perpetrated.

Sincerely yours,

Floyd Lewis

Editors Note: Mr. Lewis is president of Middle South Utilities, Inc.

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WEDNESDAY A.M.

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doing in the stock market.

Q. An economic letter I get cautions against "going overboard on bonds under the new administration" because of the chance higher rates may return with inflation. Should I not buy bonds as part of my portfolio?

A. I don't know whether you should buy bonds or not since you don't tell me what you want your money to do for you. If you are a successful young business man of 35, I don't see much point in bonds. If you are a retired person of 70 you well might include some bonds in your portfolio.

The letter you quote evidently feels virulent inflation will return and with it higher interest rates on bonds.

Was the prediction made by the seventh son of a seventh son?

MR. SHULSKY welcomes written questions. But he will be able to provide answers only through the column.

For information on annuities, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Address your requests to Sam Shulsky, care of this newspaper.

Guatemala, Ramiro Ponce Monroy, former Mayor of Guatemala City and a member of

dorothy Pflug, who conducts a reading clinic for 3500 Guatemalan children.

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Talulah and Mayor George A. Wells, Sr. of Delta.

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SCOUT SEX SCANDAL... A MISNOMER!

For the past year, one of the country's great institutions has been undergoing the persecutions of the damned because of what must be termed as the greatest misnomer of the last decade.

The Boy Scout Sex Scandal, as it has been so erroneously termed, has caused parents of New Orleans youngsters to become extremely wary of a fine youth program, and the shame of it all is that the Scouting program was not involved in any way.

The label "Scout Sex Scandal" has made most New Orleanians believe that Troop 137, the scout unit involved, was led entirely by homosexuals who used many troop members for illicit activities. This simply is not true. In actuality, the leadership of Troop 137 was made up of a Scoutmaster and a committee of men

who, for the most part, had sons in the troop.

A thorough search of troop records indicates that three registered adult troop leaders and only two members of the troop were involved. What is seldom thought of is the fact that both of the boys were engaging in homosexual activity with the leaders prior to the time they entered the troop. The boys, at the time of their entrance into the troop were living, at their parents request, with these same homosexual leaders.

No evidence has been produced which shows that any illicit activities took place on any Scouting function. This seems to indicate that Halverson, Woodall and Kramer were smart enough to know that scout officials would become aware of that immedia-

tely.

Many people have exclaimed why weren't these people checked out more thoroughly? The fact is that they were. When Raymond T. Woodall was under consideration for the job of Scoutmaster, a representative of the council advised against him because not enough could be found out about him. It wasn't enough that nothing could be found against him. However, the Pastor and Institutional Representative hired him anyway.

Richard Halverson replaced Woodall as Scoutmaster some time later, and underwent an exhaustive investigation. This search turned up that he was a volunteer Juvenile Probation Officer for Orleans Parish.

Scouting has laid down some basic principles for sponsoring

institutions to use in choosing troop leadership. These being that adult leaders be well known to the institution and that they be the type of men that the average person would like to lead their sons.

The incident in New Orleans East was, to say the least, a tragedy. However, the treatment it has received from the news media is, perhaps, an even greater tragedy. Already thousands of youngsters have missed out on the opportunities offered by Scouting, mainly because news coverage of the mess in New Orleans East has made their parents fearful of trusting the Boy Scouts.

It is a sad commentary on our times when a fine institution like scouting can be tainted by so tedious a misconception.

COMMENT

JOHN GLOVER,
Editor

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May 20, 1977

Mr. James E. Johnson
Scout Executive
New Orleans Area Co. No. 214

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Raymond A. Woodall
Richard S. Halvorsen
Harry Cramer

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of April 26, regarding the above three Scouters. We have placed this latest information in our file.

We are enclosing a few confidential record sheets and would appreciate your sending us the information for the additional men mentioned in your letter, that were also involved in this case. Also please let us know the disposition of the case against Richard Halvorsen and Harry Cramer after the trial is over.

Your efforts in this area are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

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Boy, 15, tells of sex acts

By DEAN BAQUET
and WALT PHILBIN

A 15-year-old boy testified today he once had oral and anal sex with his two leaders of the now-defunct Boy Scout Troop 137.

The youth said the incident occurred in the eastern New Orleans apartment of 23-year-old Harry Cramer, on trial in Criminal District Court for 23 counts of aggravated crime against nature.

The boy's mother followed him to the witness chair and testified of her "love" for the man accused of molesting her son.

"AT THIS TIME, I have a very strong love for Harry, like one of my children," the mother said on cross-examination. She spent several minutes giving testimony in the case and burst into tears as she left Judge Oliver P. Schullingkamp's courtroom.

Cramer and his attorney, Betty Cole, waived the right of a trial by jury and the case was being heard by Schullingkamp.

Cramer is the second person to go on trial in the Boy Scout sex scandal that broke last year during a raid on a scout leader's home.

Raymond T. Woodall, 38, the leader of Scout Troop 137, was convicted in April of 11 counts of aggravated crime against nature.

On May 11, Richard S. Halvorsen, 5922 Painters St., who prosecutors said was one of the key figures in the operation of the troop, pleaded guilty to 11 charges of aggravated crime against nature.

THE 15-YEAR-OLD boy testified today that he visited Cramer in his

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Boy tells of sex acts

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apartment "just about every week" and the sex acts with the two men occurred in April, 1976.

He said they occurred between himself and Cramer and Woodall while another former scout leader, Lewis Stalle, looked on. Stalle has pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated crime against nature.

The boy said Woodall photographed him several times in the nude, posed

with Cramer.

The mother testified that the first time her son accompanied Cramer on a Boy Scout outing he went along "just to get to know the troop and to pose for some pictures of a Tom Sawyer-Huck Finn type."

She said her son did not tell her what went on with the scout leaders and she did not know about it until police came to her home last October in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

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New Orleans, La.

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Rich defendant still missing

Scoutmaster admits guilt

By WALT PHILBIN

A 51-year-old man prosecutors said was one of the key figures in the operation of an eastern New Orleans Boy Scout troop sex ring pleaded guilty today to 11 charges of aggravated crime against nature involving young boys and men.

Richard S. Halvorsen, 5822 Painters St., appeared in Criminal District Court to enter his plea. Although he was charged with 16 counts of various crimes growing out of a raid at his home last September, some of the

charges were dropped today.

Dist. Atty. Harry Connick dropped five counts of aggravated crime against nature charges against Halvorsen and one charge each of conspiracy to commit crime against nature and aggravated rape.

Connick said after Halvorsen pleaded guilty that the investigation into the activities of Troop 137, which has been disbanded by the area council of the Boy Scouts, is continuing. Halvorsen was the troop's scoutmaster.

"This is an open-ended investigation

We are always coming up with something new, I'm sorry to say. It is a widespread activity. We're always finding some other individual involved in this activity in the community," Connick said. Sources have said that at least 20 men have been or are under investigation in the case by Connick's office and Juvenile Division officers.

MEANWHILE, authorities continued their search today for another defendant in the Boy Scout scandals who failed to keep a court date yesterday.

Richard J. Jacobs, 41, a millionaire who lives in the Boston suburb of Arlington, was scheduled to go on trial before Judge Oliver P. Schellingkamp on 15 counts of aggravated crime against nature.

However, he did not appear in court and his Boston attorney, Joseph Balliro, said he did not know where he was. Schellingkamp issued a bench warrant for Jacobs' arrest and doubled his \$25,000 bond.

Jacobs is an executive in a firm that holds the patent to "Jet Spray," a de-

vice used in dispensing punch-like drinks and other beverages. He does not have the patent to Orange Julius, as reported yesterday.

ANOTHER SCOUT leader, Raymond T. Woodall, was convicted April 15 of 11 counts of aggravated crime against nature by a jury that deliberated 45 minutes. Woodall, who has not yet been sentenced, could receive up to 11 years for each count, or of 185 years.

Woodall was the first man to be tried in the case, which began last summer

when a commercial film processor gave police some photographs it had received which depicted sex acts involving Troop 137 leaders and young boys.

Investigators said the troop was part of a nationwide referral operation that extended to Chicago, Boston, California and Florida. This service, prosecutors said, sent boys around the country for homosexual purposes.

During Woodall's trial, four boys

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April 26, 1977

Mr. Paul Ernst
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Dear Paul:

I am in receipt of your confidential letter regarding Raymond A. Woodall, Richard S. Halvorsen and Harry Cramer.

Raymond A. Woodall has already been tried and convicted. He has not been sentenced, however he could get 167 years.

Richard S. Halvorsen is still in jail under bond. Trial will come up in May.

Harry Cramer has been arrested and his trial will come up in May.

I also have several other names of men not connected with Scouting that should be placed on file in event they move after the trial is over. Do you want these names? If so I will need several more confidential report sheets.

I look forward to having you in this council on May 12 and 13.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Jim
James E. Johnson
Scout Executive

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DA Connick Named To Child Sex Abuse Panel

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — The National District Attorneys' Association Friday said Orleans Parish prosecutor Harry Connick has been named to a committee on the sexual exploitation of children.

Earlier this week, Connick won a conviction in the first of several trials of Boy Scout leaders charged with sexually abusing troop members.

A Criminal District Court jury Thursday found assistant scout master Raymond Woodall, 38, guilty of abusing boys ranging in age from 9 to 15.

A parish grand jury has indicted nine men on charges they used an east New Orleans scout troop as the center of a nationwide homosexual ring.

State Park Closed

GRAND ISLE (UPI) — The state parks supervisor Friday closed Grand Isle Park for five days because of a water shortage.

A city water pump malfunction caused a drastic cut in water pressure and Mayor Wayne Guidry ordered water to the park shut off, leaving restrooms dry.

Parks Supervisor Steve Wesper said park rangers were turning away 40 cars a day.

Old Steam Engine Running

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An old brute of a steam engine, a hard-working chunk of railroad history, got some loving care Friday after ending the first lap of a 2,555-mile

AP Wirephoto
Alexandria, La.
Saturday, April 16, 1977

Scout leader is found guilty in gay sex ring

A Boy Scout leader who had advertised for "Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer types" of boys has been found guilty of using them as sex partners in a homosexual ring that spread across the country.

Raymond T. Woodall, the leader of now-defunct Troop 137, was convicted yesterday of 11 counts of aggravated crime against nature by a jury that deliberated an hour and 45 minutes.

Criminal District Court Judge Oliver Schulingkamp postponed sentencing until he receives a state Department of Corrections investigation into Woodall's background. Woodall could serve up to 11 years in jail for each count, or a total of 165 years.

"This man used . . . American Institutions such as Scouting to hide behind them and use them to entice these children into his trap," said Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Harry Connick in his heated closing argument. "Any man who would take a young precious child and abuse him continuously needs to be punished."

Woodall was the first man to be tried in the case, which was the result of an investigation that began last summer when a commercial film processor gave police film it had received of Scout leaders engaging in sex acts with Woodall and Harry O. Cramer. Cramer is scheduled to stand trial May 17 on 27 counts of aggravated crime against nature.

EVENTUALLY, INVESTIGATORS say, the ring became part of a nationwide referral operation that extended to Chicago, Boston, California and Florida. This service sent boys around the country for homosexual purposes.

On Wednesday, four of these boys, aged 11 to 15, said Woodall engaged them in oral and anal sex, and much of their testimony was corroborated by Lewis Sialle, a former troop leader who has pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated crime against nature in the same case and faces up to 30 years in prison.

Sialle said he was coaxed into becoming Troop 137's committeeman because Woodall told him of the numerous homosexual activities in which troop members and leaders were involved.

"I don't know if everything Tom (Woodall) told me at the time was true," Sialle said. "At that point, I believed everything he said."

me I was paranoid."

Sialle also testified that he saw Woodall perform sex acts with one of the boys at Cramer's apartment, saying that Woodall "did have many sex acts with the child."

He said he saw no other sexual activities between Woodall and the other boys who testified. He said he watched a nude picture-taking session involving Woodall and a Scout, but Sialle said he saw no sex acts performed then.

Because Sialle had said he only saw Woodall engage in sex acts with one boy, Woodall's lawyer, Lyman Jones, tried to discredit his testimony. However, Sialle produced unsolicited information — including data about sex acts in which he participated — before Jones could stop his testimony with an objection.

WOODALL'S MOTHER, Edna Woodall, also took the stand to discredit Sialle's testimony, saying that she lives with her son and would have heard such activity in the house because she is a light sleeper who dozes with her bedroom door open.

"If anything had moved, I would have known it," Mrs. Woodall said. "If anything like that was going on in my house, I wouldn't have put up with it."

However, Mrs. Woodall said she had been out of town at least three times during the period Woodall was charged with the sex acts.

One of the boys who testified against Woodall lived with the scout leader and his mother, but Mrs. Woodall testified he and her son had separate bedrooms. She said she initially thought the boy, who was 8 years old then, was Sialle's nephew and objected to Woodall's suggestion that they care for him.

The boy's mother also testified for the defense, saying she let her son live with Woodall because she had seven children and little money.

The boy visited her on holidays, brought her gifts and talked to her "about once a week" on the telephone, she said, but never complained about being abused by Woodall.

The third of the three defense witnesses was the boy's 18-year-old brother, who said he knew one of Woodall's young accusers, who, the 18-year-old testified, had bragged to him about having sex with men for money.

Jones used this point and the young witnesses' vagueness about dates to try to discredit their testimony, but in his final statement to the jury, he did not

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NEW ORLEANS, FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 15, 1977

The Times-Picayune

Scout Chief Convicted in Sex Crimes

By VINCENT LEE

Raymond T. Woodall, a former Boy Scout leader accused of using his Scout troop to acquire boys for his deviated sex pleasures, was found guilty Thursday of 11 counts of aggravated crime against nature.

A Criminal District Court jury deliberated for one hour and 45 minutes before returning a "guilty as charged" verdict on each of the 11 counts with which Woodall was charged. Each count could carry a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison, for a total of 165 years.

However, Woodall's sentencing was delayed pending the outcome of a presentence investigation into his background by the state Department of Corrections, which was ordered by presiding Judge Oliver Schullinkamp.

This was the first case to be tried as the result of an investigation that began here last summer into a homosexual ring which specialized in unnatural sex acts with young boys. So far 17 men have been charged in connection with the investigation, which authorities say reaches as far as Chicago, Boston, California and Florida.

Dist. Atty. Harry Connick rested his case Thursday morning after hearing witness Lewis Sialle corroborate much of the testimony given Wednesday by four boys, ages 11 to 15, who described instances in 1975 and 1976 in which the 38-year-old Woodall engaged them in oral and anal sex.

Sialle, an admitted homosexual who has pleaded guilty to two counts of aggravated crime against nature in the same case, said he witnessed Woodall perform sex acts with one of the boys in April, 1976, at the Eastern New Orleans apartment of Harry O. Cramer, who is charged with 27 counts of aggravated crime against nature and scheduled to go on trial May 17. Photographs, which gave police their first lead in the case, were taken of the

boy involved in sex acts with Woodall and Cramer during this episode, said Sialle.

Earlier testimony disclosed that Cramer attempted to have the film processed by a commercial film developer, Fotomat Corp., which turned the prints over to police after seeing the pictures.

Woodall's defense attorney, Lyman Jones, attempted to discredit part of Sialle's testimony, since Sialle admitted he did not personally see some of the sex acts between the youngsters and Woodall on the specific dates cited in the D.A.'s charges.

However, once Sialle began answering questions, he produced unsolicited testimony about other similar instances involving Woodall and young boys, some which Sialle said he watched and others in which he participated. Sialle managed to impart this information before Jones could cut him off with an objection.

Sialle said Woodall told him about

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RAYMOND T. WOODALL

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Woodall Is Guilty

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other instances of sex with children. "I believed everything Mr. Woodall told me because I was in love with him," said Sialle.

Sialle, who became an adult committee member for the now defunct Boy Scout Troop 137 after Woodall became involved, said he begged Woodall not to get involved with the Scouts because they are "an American institution and I knew there would be trouble. He (Woodall) told me I was paranoid."

The mother of one of the boys Woodall was convicted of sexually abusing allowed her child to live with Woodall from mid-1974 until September, 1978, when the first police raid which cracked the homosexual ring was executed.

Sialle said he witnessed a sex act with that child, who was 8 at the time, in the den of Woodall's residence at 7149 E. Hermes St., but Jones pointed out the boy testified it was in the bedroom. When Jones questioned the veracity of Sialle's testimony, Sialle replied, "I'm only pinpointing one incident and that was the time we both had sex with the child. But he (Woodall) had many sex acts with the child throughout the years."

Sialle, who Connick acknowledged was promised "consideration" for his testimony, is also under pre-sentence investigation which must be concluded before he is sentenced.

Only three defense witnesses were called, the mother and 18-year-old brother of the boy who lived with Woodall and Woodall's own mother, who lived at the same residence. Woodall did not testify.

The boy's mother said she had seven children and little money. She first met Woodall, she said, when he and his mother responded to a church request to supply her family with clothes. Since she couldn't take proper care of her children, she allowed her 8-year-old boy to live with Woodall. Woodall's mother was not present when he suggested caring for the boy, the child's mother said.

She said that during the years her son was with Woodall, the youngster visited her on holidays and brought her presents, talked to her "about once a week" by telephone, but never complained about any kind of abuse from Woodall.

Woodall's mother, Mrs. Edna Wood-

all, said she thought the boy was Sialle's nephew and objected at first to her son's suggestion that they care for him. She also said she was home in bed the early morning Woodall was alleged to have had sex with another boy spending the night with Woodall's ward. Woodall was accused of taking the guest child to his own bedroom and engaging him in sex acts. (Woodall had, according to the boy, had sex with him before.)

Mrs. Woodall said the incident couldn't have happened because she is a light sleeper and sleeps with her bedroom door open. "If anything had moved I would have known it. If anything like that was going on in my house, I wouldn't have put up with it," she said.

The 18-year-old brother of Woodall's ward said he knew one of the boys who accused Woodall, and claimed that the boy had previously bragged to him about having sex with men for money. In Wednesday's testimony, the boy said he had never had sex with other men for money, and Jones, in his closing arguments, used this apparent discrepancy in an attempt to discredit the witness as a liar.

Jones also insisted that the vagueness with which the boys remembered dates cast "reasonable doubt" on their stories' accuracy, particularly concerning specific charges against Woodall. However, Jones didn't attempt to argue away the photographs.

Connick, in his closing arguments, said the state presented overwhelming evidence of Woodall's guilt through photographs and testimony. He referred also to a newspaper classified advertisement the D.A. said Woodall placed in September, 1974, and which was introduced as evidence. It solicited "boys 8-15 years to pose for fishing pictures in City Park," asked for "Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer types," and offered \$5 plus "bonuses."

"This man (Woodall) used these things (Scouts, Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer), American institutions, to hide behind them and use them to entice these children into his trap . . . Any man who would take a young precious child and abuse him continuously needs to be punished," Connick said in a fiery denunciation of the defendant. Then he beseeched the jury, "It's often asked who will speak for the children. We ask you to speak for the children."

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The States-Item Final

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Wednesday, April 13, 1977

New Orleans, La.

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Scout case sex acts detailed

LANNY THOMAS—A 15-year-old boy told a jury in Criminal District Court today how he was sexually abused by a Boy Scout for more than twice his age and was trapped in the process.

The youth, who has since moved to Louisiana, testified in the trial of Harry Cramer, assistant scoutmaster of Troop 137, Woodall, 38, the first man to be charged as a result of a raid last October on the residence of eastern New Orleans scoutmaster Richard S. Woodall.

Woodall was charged with 13 counts of aggravated sexual battery, nature the boy ranging in age from 9 to 15, one of them members of the now-

defunct Boy Scout Troop 137. Two counts were dropped by the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office today before the state began calling witnesses.

THE YOUTH, the third witness to be called by the state, appeared nervous as he sat in the witness chair in a blue shirt and blue trousers and answered questions from Dist. Atty. Harry Conatch.

He said that last April, Harry Cramer was an assistant scoutmaster in his apartment, where the youth met Lewis Stalle, another defendant in the case, and Woodall.

The boy said he and Cramer were watching television in the living room and eating supper when Woodall suggested taking their pictures.

Cramer at first opposed the idea, the boy said, but after the two men argued, Cramer told the youth to go upstairs and undress.

The boy said Cramer then ordered him to come downstairs. At that point, the youth said, Woodall took pictures of the youth and Cramer on the sofa. Cramer was clothed, and the boy was not.

"After that, Tom (Woodall) told me to come behind the couch," the witness said. Then, he testified, they engaged

in oral sex and another picture was taken.

He said Woodall then told him to lie down and then took another picture.

THE BOY TESTIFIED that Cramer then ordered him to return upstairs, and when he did, Woodall and Stalle followed him and photographed him nude, lying on a bed. He said Woodall and Cramer both had oral and anal sex with him on the bed.

The boy testified he performed anal sex with Woodall.

Woodall went downstairs for a while, the boy said, then returned and started performing both oral and anal sex with the boy while Stalle took pictures.

The boy said when he went alone that night, he suffered considerable pain.

The boy identified photographs of himself with the defendant, which Conatch showed to him.

New Orleans police said the photographs were brought to their attention by the Fotomat Corp.

Laura Jackson, who worked as a saleswoman in a Fotomat booth at 4885 Chal Metairie Highway, said Cramer brought her film for processing last August.

The boy who testified said that he was led to believe that he was recruited as a Scout troop member, but, apparently, was never given official membership.

THE BOY'S MOTHER followed him to the witness stand and testified that when he came home from Cramer's residence, he asked her for lotion because he was in pain.

A member of the Scout troop — a 14-year-old boy who lives in east Gentilly — testified that two years ago, when he was 13 years old, Woodall invited him home from a Scout meeting and lured him into a house behind Woodall's residence, where he kept model trains.

The boy said he was forced to perform oral and anal sex.

He said that shortly after he joined the Scout troop, Woodall took him to

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Sex acts described

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Woodall's home, ordered him to undress and pose.

Criminal District Court Judge Oliver P. Schulingkamp's courtroom was three-fourths full of spectators as the jury began hearing testimony.

THE 12 JURORS and one alternate juror were picked in a three-hour session late yesterday afternoon after Woodall's lawyer, Lyman Jones, tried to stop the trial on grounds the defendant is under a coroner's commitment to the state mental hospital in Mandeville and was unable to help prepare his case.

Woodall is suicidal and suffering from a "severe neurotic disability," said Jones.

District Attorney Harry Connick and William Wessel, former first assistant district attorney, opposed the continuance and Criminal District Court Judge Oliver Schulingkamp refused to grant any delay.

The case of Woodall, accused of 13 counts of aggravated crime against nature and having oral and anal intercourse with four boys ages eight through 14 between March 1974 and last September, was originally joined with a similar, four-count allegation against Lewis Sialle.

But Sialle pleaded guilty to two counts of crime against nature just before jury selection began yesterday, and his lawyer, Eddie Koch, said he

"would be available" if called upon to testify in Woodall's trial. Sialle could be given a maximum 30 years in jail on the two counts.

Wessel was to tell the jury in his opening statement leading off today's court session that Woodall met an 8-year-old boy and was allowed by the boy's mother to help raise him.

Claiming to be parent and guardian of the boy, Woodall, a Scout leader, enrolled him in the Boy Scouts, Troop 137, in eastern New Orleans, Wessel charged.

The boy then began living at Woodall's mother's house, 7149 E. Hermes St., where Woodall also resided.

Wessel charged Woodall then "immediately engaged the boy in continuous sexual affairs from March 1974 until Sept. 9, 1976."

Wessel said the prosecution would also show Woodall had oral or anal intercourse, or both, with three other boys ranging in age from 11 to 15 who had joined the scout troop or participated in scout activities.

These incidents, Wessel said, had gone undetected until a film developing firm turned over to police in August, 1976, "obscene photographs taken during the performance of these acts." The photos were given to the firm for development by Harry Cramer, the scoutmaster whose residence was raided in October of last year, sparking a series of more than a dozen arrests. Cramer is to go to trial next month.

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Sex Crime Ring Keeps Expanding

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Seventeen men have been charged in a widening investigation of the use of a Boy Scout troop here to supply boys for homosexual acts.

"It has been like dropping a pebble into water," said District Attorney Harry Connick. "You think you've got it all but the ripple ring keeps spreading."

The men were charged with performing sex acts with boys aged 8 to 15 over a two-year period ending last September. Not all of the scouts in the now defunct troop were involved.

"We find some of the men

have also been active in other parts of the country," Connick added. "Some have been prosecuted in England and the Philippines for sex involving children."

The first of a series of trials was scheduled in Criminal District Court on Tuesday but a lawyer for Raymond Woodall, 38, of New Orleans asked for a delay. He said Woodall had been committed to a state mental hospital due to severe depression and suicidal tendencies.

Woodall, assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 137, was charged with 13 counts of "unnatural carnal knowledge."

The most numerous charges were filed against Richard Jacobs of Arlington, Mass., a Boston suburb, and Richard Halvorsen, who was troop scoutmaster.

Jacobs, whose trial is scheduled May 10, is charged with 15 counts of "aggravated crime against nature," which carries a maximum penalty of 15 years per count.

Information on the ring turned up in a police raid last September in the residence of Halvorsen, 51, authorities said. He is charged with 16 counts of aggravated crimes against nature.

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Additional Gay Youth Ring Charges Hinted

By ED ANDERSON

Orleans Parish Dist. Atty. Harry Connick said Thursday "the net is closing" on 16 men who have been charged with operating a sophisticated, widespread homosexual ring which operated out of a now-defunct Boy Scout troop here.

Connick said that there is a good chance some of them — charged in connection with the alleged operation that worked out of the disbanded Troop 137 in eastern New Orleans — may face additional charges. He declined to say what those charges might be.

He stated that a grand jury may be used to hand down those indictments.

Most of the 16 were named last October in a bill of information filed by the DA's office which charged one count of conspiracy to commit aggravated rape and one count of conspiracy to commit crime against nature against the youths — who ranged in age from eight to 12.

The incidents allegedly took place between September, 1974, and October, 1976.

Connick said the bill of information alleges that most of the 16 participated in 10 overt acts or instances relating to one count and 15 overt acts relating to the second count.

Connick said in an interview that he will personally try the cases which

"hopefully" will be ready for trial "by the end of May."

The prosecutor made the remarks after being informed that 23-year-old Harry Cramer, previously identified as an assistant scoutmaster at Troop 137, was arrested Wednesday night in the Atlanta, Ga., suburb of Smyrna by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a charge of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution on the two state charges.

Connick said he would try to extradite Cramer to this jurisdiction.

He added Cramer went before a U. S. Magistrate in Atlanta Thursday and bond was set at \$50,000. He said the defendant could not post the bond and was remanded to custody of the U.S. Marshal's Service.

Connick said the alleged ring may have operated on a national scale.

Authorities in Franklin County, Tenn., arrested the Rev. Claudius Ira "Bud" Vermilye, an Episcopal priest who ran a rehabilitation home for boys known as "Boys Farm, Inc."

Of the 16 men named in the bill of information, Connick said, three are still at large. He said, however, they should be in custody before long.

Two men — Lewis Sialle and Kirk Roth — were arrested Monday, he said. He said they will be charged with "crimes involving juveniles," but he declined to be more specific.

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Scout-Sex Ring Leader Convicted of 11 Charges

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Former Boy Scout troop leader Raymond T. Woodall, 38, accused of using the troop to acquire boys for homosexual men, has been convicted of 11 counts of crime against nature.

A State Criminal District Court jury returned the verdict Thursday after two hours of deliberation.

Woodall faces a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison on each count — a total of 165 years. Sentencing was postponed.

Woodall was the first to go on trial among 17 men charged in the case, which authorities said reaches from the East Coast to the West Coast.

Four boys, aged 11 to 15, testified that Woodall engaged them in homosexual activities in 1975 and 1976.

Lewis Sialle, an admitted homosexual who has pleaded guilty to two

counts of crime against nature, testified that he watched Woodall perform sex acts with one of the boys in the New Orleans apartment of Harry O. Cramer, who took photos.

Witnesses said Cramer, who is charged with 27 counts of crime against nature, turned the film over to a commercial outlet for processing, and the company alerted police.

Woodall was assistant scoutmaster of the now-defunct Boy Scout Trooper 137 in New Orleans.

Sialle testified that Woodall told him about having sex with children, and said he begged him not to get involved with Boy Scouts.

"I believed everything Mr. Woodall told me because I was in love with him," Sialle said.

Sialle said he and Woodall both had sex with an 8-year-old boy who was living with Woodall in 1974, and

that Woodall "had many sex acts with this child throughout the years."

Sialle also testified that he attended a 1974 meeting with several other men when they planned to organize a scout troop "to provide them with boys...for their sexual pleasures."

Dist. Atty. Harry Connick, in his closing arguments, told the jury: "It's often asked who will speak for the children. We ask you to speak for the children."

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February 18, 1977

Mr. James E. Johnson
Scout Executive
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Raymond A. Woodall
Richard S. Halvorsen
Harry Cramer

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your response to our letter of December 3, and the completed confidential record sheets. All three of these men will be placed on our Confidential File.

We do, however, need more information that will substantiate our placing them on our file. Were Woodall and Halvorsen convicted? What sentence did they receive? Was Harry Cramer ever found and arrested? This information would help strengthen our position of refusing to accept any application for registration we might receive from these men in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Richard S. Halvorsen
Harry Cramer
Raymond A. Woodall

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter of November 24, concerning the above three Scouters. Enclosed are three confidential record sheets to be completed.

We would also appreciate a detailed letter concerning the facts in this case along with the completed record sheets. Substantiating documents, such as letters from people involved, newspaper clippings and copies of police and court records are a necessity. This information is important for future reference purposes and would certainly strengthen our position of refusing to accept any future applications for registration we might receive from these men.

Unless we receive the above requested material, it will be difficult to place these men on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

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Paul I. Ernst, Director
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